



TELEPHONE OF 1876—The above early telephone is a copy of the one shown in the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in

al adornment. Many times the company's workers had to re-place hundreds of feet of the wire.

About 33 years after invention, and 11 years after the com-

pany's workers had to re-

ized in April of 1881. J. J. Dick-

ey was president of the Salt

Lake exchange and there were

less than 100 subscribers.

In 1883 the Rocky Mountain

Bell Telephone pur-

1876. Utah had the first telephone in 1879, when A. M. Musser introduced what was likely a wall phone to Salt Lake City.

chased the Utah Telephone Company. In 1911 the Rocky Mountain, Colorado and the Tri-State Telephone Companies joined to form the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.